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SUBJECT: WESTERN NEWSPAPER AVAILABILITY

1. REUTERS ITEM CARRIED BY WASHINGTON POST APRIL 1
REPORTS THAT SOME TWELVE WESTERN NEWSPAPERS WENT ON SALE
IN FOUR CZECHOSLOVAK CITIES ABOUT TWO WEEKS AGO. WE HAVE
PREPARED FOLLOWING PRESS GUIDANCE ON AN IF ASKED BASIS.

QUESTION: DO YOU HAVE ANY COMMENT ON THE REPORT THAT THE
CZECHOSLOVAKS ARE MAKING WESTERN NEWSPAPERS AVAILABLE IN
SEVERAL CITIES?

ANSWER: IF THIS MEANS THAT THE CZECHOSLOVAK PUBLIC WILL
HAVE WIDER ACCESS TO WESTERN PUBLICATIONS, IT WOULD BE A
POSITIVE DEVELOPMENT, AND WOULD BE RESPONSIVE TO CSCE
FINAL ACT PROVISIONS CALLING ON STATES TO PROMOTE THE
WIDER DISSEMINATION OF INFORMATION.(NOTE: QUESTION NOT
ASKED AT APRIL 1 NOON PRESS BRIEFING.)

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2. WE WOULD APPRECIATE EMBASSY REPORT AND COMMENTS ON
THIS ISSUE. SPECIFICALLY, WHICH PAPERS ARE ON SALE AND
JUST HOW AVAILABLE ARE THEY TO CZECHOSLOVAK CITIZENS?
CITIES NAMED BY REUTERS ARE PRAGUE, BRNO, BRATISLAVA, AND
KARLOVY VARY.
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